40. The city council shall by ordinance adopt such rules and Regulation of regulations for its government and order of business as it may deem best. It shall be the judge of the qualification and election Judge of election of its members, including the mayor, and shall have authority to members. recount the votes for any of its members and to correct the result which may have been heretofore declared, in the event that notice of a contest of any such election shall be given within thirty days after such election shall have been held. It shall also be the judge Judge of election of the election and qualification of all other city officers, subject to of other officers, the provisions of this act applying thereto. It may punish mem- Enforcement of bers or other persons during its sittings by fine for disorderly order. conduct.

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41. The city council shall, after the fourth day of May, one thou- Charge and control of city schools.

sand nine hundred and fifteen, have entire charge and control of the city schools of the city of High Point and shall succeed to and Powers and duties be vested with all powers and duties now conferred by law upon the board of school commissioners of the city of High Point; and said board of school commissioners shall thereupon cease to exist. 42. In the event of a vacancy in any office to which appoint- Vacancy.

ment is made under the provisions of the charter or otherwise by the city council, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the city council.

43. No member of the council nor other officer of the city shall be Interest in condirectly or indirectly interested in any work, business, or contract, forbidden. the expense, price or consideration of which is paid out of the city treasury or by assessment levied by ordinance or resolution of the city council, or be the surety of any person in any contract. work, or business with the city for the performance of which security may be required, or be a surety on the official bond of any officer of the city. Contracts in violation of any one of the fore- Contracts void. going provisions shall be void, and no member of the city council Interest in school shall be at any time during his term of office directly or indirectly forbidden. interested in or in the employ of any school book publishing company or concern or school furniture company or concern.

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44. No member of the city council shall hold any other public Councilmen not eligible to city

office in said city or hold any office or employment compensation offices. for which is paid out of the city's moneys; nor be elected or appointed to any office created by or the compensation of which shall have been increased or fixed by the city council while he shall have been a member thereof, until after the expiration of at least one year after he shall have ceased to be a member of the city council; nor shall any member of the city council nor any Interest in city other officer of the city of High Point be pecuniarily interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract let by the city or the city council nor in any manner wherein the rights or liabilities of the city of High Point are or may be involved. In the event that any Contract void. such officer of the city of High Point shall become interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract or work, purchase or sale

contracts.